UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: November 24, 1963

FROM : MR. BELMONT

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
ASSAULTING A GOVERNMENT OFFICER

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This afternoon I advised SAC Shanklin in Dallas that we are sending down Supervisors Rogge and Thompson for the purpose of going carefully over the written interview and investigative findings of our Agents in the Oswald matter so that we can prepare a memorandum to the Attorney General, attaching exhibits such as photographs, et cetera, to set out the evidence showing that Oswald is responsible for the shooting that killed the President. We will show that Oswald was an avowed Marxist, a former defector to the Soviet Union and an active member of the FPCC, which has been financed by Castro. We will then show the background of Oswald, when and where he was born, et cetera, and then the story of what happened when the President was shot and subsequently until Oswald was picked up in the theatre. We will set forth the items of evidence which make it clear that Oswald is the man who killed the President.

Shanklin said results of the investigation have been reduced to written form and consequently the information will all be available for these two Supervisors.

Supervisors Rogge and Thompson are leaving the night of November 24 for Dallas (by AIR FORCE PLANE)

I told Shanklin that he should contact the Chief of Police and arrange to be sure that any evidence such as the rifle, gun casings, paper bag containing Oswald's fingerprints, et cetera, be locked up in custody of the Chief so that no souvenir hunters or other persons would destroy or take away the evidence. Despite the fact that Oswald is dead, this evidence will be necessary to back up any statement that Oswald was the man who killed the President.

I also alerted our Laboratory to retain the bullets that were compared with the rifle and to hold on to any other evidence pertaining to this case.

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I told Shanklin that Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach is reportedly sending Assistant Attorney General Miller of the Criminal Division down to Dallas to speak to the Mayor to see if he can keep the Chief of Police and Lieutenant Fritz off television and radio.

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At 4:15 p.m. Mr. DeLoach advised that Katzenbach wanted to put out a statement, "We are now persuaded that Oswald killed the President; however, the investigation by the Department of Justice and the FBI is continuing." Guthman of the Department wanted the FBI to put this statement out. Mr. DeLoach advised Guthman that the FBI would not put out the statement and we are opposed to any statement being put out along this line.